



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6586

LCO No. 3461



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-105a of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsections (d) and (e) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (NEW) (d) The Commissioner of Social Services shall stagger
4 distribution of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits so
5 that (1) beneficiaries receive monthly benefits at multiple intervals
6 during the month, and (2) peak demand periods affecting food prices
7 are mitigated.

8 (NEW) (e) The Commissioner of Social Services shall (1) disregard
9 any cost-of-living adjustment increases in Social Security payments for
10 calendar years 2022 and 2023 when calculating income eligibility for
11 benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and (2)
12 restore any such benefits that were reduced or terminated as a result of
13 higher income due to such cost-of-living increases.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2023	17b-105a(d) and (e)
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Statement of Purpose:

To (1) adjust distribution of supplemental nutrition assistance benefits so that beneficiaries receive monthly benefits at multiple intervals during the month, and (2) ensure persons who received recent increases in Social Security payments don't lose such benefits.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]